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	b. с.	Office Action or Notice of Allowance, and thus:  the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, or a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed below.  after the mailing date of a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance and prior to payment of the issue fee, and thus: the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided and a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed below.				
2.	It is he	ereby certified:				
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3.		Consideration of the following additional information (including any co-pending or abandoned U.S. applications, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested:				
4.	For each non-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449:					
		reference is made to an English language translation submitted herewith, and/or				
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		reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page(s), and/or				
		reference is made to the concise explanation set forth below:				
5.		Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:				
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Respectfully submitted,

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